

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The Listing of claims below replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-8 (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A bituminous composition, comprising a bituminous component and a block copolymer, wherein the block copolymer comprises at least two terminal poly(vinyl aromatic) blocks and at least one poly(conjugated diene) central block, wherein said poly(conjugated diene) central block(s) is (are) obtained by substantially random copolymerization of butadiene and isoprene in a molar ratio between butadiene and isoprene in the range of from 1:2 to 9:1;

wherein the poly(vinyl aromatic) content (PSC) is in the range of from 20 to 30 wt%, wherein the content of a possibly accompanying diblock, comprising a poly(vinyl aromatic) block and a poly(butadiene/isoprene) block is at most 25 mole%, wherein the 1,2-addition (vinyl content) of the polymerized conjugated dienes is in the range of from 8 ~~10~~ to 80%, and wherein the apparent molecular weight of the complete block copolymer is in the range of 310,000 to ~~380,000, 500,000~~.

10. (Previously Presented) The bituminous composition of claim 9, wherein the block copolymer comprises butadiene and isoprene in a molar ratio in the range of from 2:3 to 6:1.

11. (Previously Presented) The bituminous composition of claim 9, wherein the diblock content of the block copolymer is in the range of from 0 to 15 mole%.

12. (Previously Presented) The bituminous composition of claim 9, wherein the vinyl content of the block copolymer is in the range of from 30 to 60%.

13. (Previously Presented) The bituminous composition of claim 9, wherein the apparent molecular weight of the entire block copolymer is in the range of from 315,000 to 375,000.
14. (Previously Presented) The bituminous composition of claim 9, wherein the block copolymer is present in the bituminous composition in an amount in the range of from 3 to 30% by weight.
15. (Previously Presented) The bituminous composition of claim 9, wherein the block copolymer is present in the bituminous composition in an amount in the range of from 6 to 15% by weight.
16. (Previously Presented) The bituminous composition of claim 9, further comprising fillers, resins, oils, stabilisers or flame retardants in an amount in the range of from 0 to 40% by weight.
17. (Previously Presented) The bituminous composition of claim 9, wherein the block copolymer comprises butadiene and isoprene in a molar ratio in the range of from 1:1 to 3:1.
18. (Previously Presented) The bituminous composition of claim claim 10, wherein the diblock content of the block copolymer is in the range of from 0 to 15 mole%.
19. (Previously Presented) The bituminous composition of claim 18, wherein the vinyl content of the block copolymer is in the range of from 30 to 60%.
20. (Previously Presented) The bituminous composition of claim 19, wherein the apparent molecular weight of the entire block copolymer is in the range of from 315,000 to 375,000.

21. (Previously Presented) The bituminous composition of claim 20, wherein the block copolymer is present in the bituminous composition in an amount in the range of from 3 to 30% by weight.
22. (Previously Presented) The bituminous composition of claim 21, wherein the block copolymer is present in the bituminous composition in an amount in the range of from 6 to 15% by weight.
23. (Previously Presented) The bituminous composition of claim 22, further comprising fillers, resins, oils, stabilisers or flame retardants in an amount in the range of from 0 to 40% by weight.
24. (Currently Amended) A bituminous composition, comprising a bituminous component and 3 to 30% by weight of a block copolymer, wherein the block copolymer comprises at least two terminal poly(vinyl aromatic) blocks and at least one poly(conjugated diene) central block, wherein said poly(conjugated diene) central block(s) is (are) obtained by substantially random copolymerization of butadiene and isoprene in a molar ratio between butadiene and isoprene in the range of from 1:2 to 9:1; wherein the poly(vinyl aromatic) content (PSC) is in the range of from 20 to 30 wt%, wherein the content of diblock, comprising a poly(vinyl aromatic) block and a poly(butadiene/isoprene) block is at most 15 mole%, wherein the 1,2-addition (vinyl content) of the polymerized conjugated dienes is in the range of from 8 30 to 60%, and wherein the apparent molecular weight of the complete block copolymer is in the range of 310,000 to 380,000. ~~500,000.~~

25. (Previously Presented) The bituminous composition of claim 9, wherein the vinyl content of the block copolymer is in the range of from 8 to 60%.
26. (Previously Presented) The bituminous composition of claim 14, wherein the vinyl content of the block copolymer is in the range of from 8 to 60%.
27. (Previously Presented) The bituminous composition of claim 21, wherein the vinyl content of the block copolymer is in the range of from 8 to 60%.
28. (new) A bituminous composition, comprising a bituminous component and a block copolymer,
wherein the block copolymer comprises at least two terminal poly(vinyl aromatic) blocks and at least one poly(conjugated diene) central block, wherein said poly(conjugated diene) central block(s) is (are) obtained by substantially random copolymerization of butadiene and isoprene in a molar ratio between butadiene and isoprene in the range of from 1:2 to 9:1;
wherein the poly(vinyl aromatic) content (PSC) is in the range of from 20 to 30 wt%,
wherein the content of a possibly accompanying diblock, comprising a poly(vinyl aromatic) block and a poly(butadiene/isoprene) block is at most 25 mole%,
wherein the 1,2-addition (vinyl content) of the polymerized conjugated dienes is in the range of from 40% and
wherein the apparent molecular weight of the complete block copolymer is 500,000.